(*b*) All possible conveniences for the safe landing and embarking of passengers by means of accommodation ladder at the Pier are afforded by the Port authorities. Steamer agents concerned provide mail boats as means of transport.

(*c*) Government have not considered the question.

Rubber Quota.

247. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any reply has been received from the Government of India to the Travancore Government's representations for increased basic quotas under the Rubber Restriction Ordinance ;

(*b*) how long the negotiations for the increased quota for South India have been going on ; and

(*c*) when they expect that a settlement of the claims of South India for increased quotas will be reached ?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) No final reply has been received.

(*b*) For the past eight months.

(*c*) It is not possible to say.

Sea-going Lighters in Alleppey.

248. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government be pleased to state the number of sea-going lighters available for shipping and landing cargo at the port of Alleppey ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Twenty-five.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : May I know the number of sea-going lighters in 1929 ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I have not got the information now before me. But I have the figures for the last three years.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Are the Government aware that a couple of days ago four lighters went down near Alleppey?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : I remember to have read something about it in some newspaper.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Do not the Government think that the provision of a tug at Alleppey will facilitate the safe working of these lighters ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government therefore be pleased to provide a tug at Alleppey soon ?

MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) : Sir, the matter formed the subject of an adjournment motion in this House just a few days ago.

PRESIDENT : And it was dealt with exhaustively.

Provision of a Tug at the Alleppey Port.

249. *MR. K. C. KARUNAKARAN (*Nominated*) : Will the Government he pleased to state whether they have sanctioned a tug to facilitate landing and shipping of cargo in Alleppey and, if so, when the supply of a tug may be expected ?

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MR. T. C. THOMMEN (*Secretary to Government*) No.

*MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): May I know the answer for the latter part of the question?

PRESIDENT: The 'No.' in the answer covers both parts, obviously.

MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon II*): That was what I wanted to know.

PRESIDENT: Obviously, of course.

Age-limit for recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar.

250. *MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the age-limit fixed for the members of the Bar who are to be recruited as Second Judges;

(*b*) whether the High Court have recommended the raising of the age-limit from 40 to 45 and the action taken on such recommendation;

(*c*) whether this rule is applicable to the Sirkar Vakils also; and

(*d*) whether there is any rule fixing the proportion in the matter of recruitment of Second Judges from the members of the Bar and from those in service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 40.

(*b*) Yes; the question is under consideration.

(*c*) Yes; but Sirkar Vakils who entered service as such before their completion of 40th year of age are not affected by the rule regarding age-limit for recruitment as Second Judges.

(*d*) Yes.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): What is the nature of the rule that fixes the proportion in the matter of recruitment of Second Judges from the Bar and from service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): For every two Judges recruited from service, one is recruited from the Bar.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): Is that rule in force now?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is the rule that is ordinarily followed.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla III*): May I know the circumstances under which the rule has been violated?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot answer that question, since the circumstances vary in each case.

PRESIDENT: Is not Mr. Velayudhan Pillai assuming that the rule is being violated in certain cases? He has to first ascertain from Government whether the rule has been violated in any case.

MR. T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Has the rule been violated in any case?

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